

Simpson Paroled.

Harry Simpson, former cashier of the First Commercial and Savings Bank at Durand, sentenced to the Jackson prison for a term of two to ten years for embezzling the funds of the bank, has been paroled after serving two years.

School Officers Meeting.

The annual meeting of Shiawassee county school officers will be held at the court house, Monday, March 16. Geo. N. Otwell, assistant superintendent of public instruction, will have charge of the meeting.

Ferris Bros. Win.

The jury in the case of the Greenhut Co. of Cleveland, against Ferris Bros. of Owosso, for \$400 for an order of cloaks, which was cancelled by the defendants, found a verdict of no cause for action, Thursday.

Newell-Stewart.

Laura M. Newell and Roy H. Stewart were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Newell, northwest of Corunna, Rev. Foster of Owosso officiating. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will be at home on the L. Sweatland farm near Corunna.

Lucky Tom.

Thomas Hoskins, the Caledonia farmer who has had many troubles of many kinds in the past year was released on probation for two years by Judge Miner, Monday, having been convicted of a local option violation, but must pay \$5 a month for a year and cannot go into wet territory.

Defeats Jackson.

The Owosso west side indoor base ball team defeated the Jackson Y. M. C. A. at the L. O. O. F. temple in this city Wednesday evening, 19 to 7, before a large crowd of enthusiastic fans. The West Siders being superior in every part of the game to the visitors. Roy Fletcher pitched for Owosso, making a fine showing.

School Bonds Sold.

The Detroit Trust Company has purchased the \$30,000 of Owosso Union School District bonds issued by authority voted the board last week, paying \$111 premium and interest at four and one-half per cent, the company furnishing the bonds and paying attorney fees. Plans are being made and work on the new building will begin as soon as weather permits.

Sewer Work Completed.

The work of constructing the sewer from Bentley park to Washington street on Monroe—made possible by the generosity of A. M. Bentley, who advanced the money to provide work for the unemployed—has been completed and Commissioner Fred Hanscom finds the cost to be but little in excess of what it would have been had the work been done in warm weather. With this sewer it will be possible to begin work early in the spring on the improvements on the park site.

Red Cross Seal Sale Surpasses Records.

The Red Cross Seal sale in 1914 surpassed all previous records in Michigan. While returns are still far from complete, report has been received at State headquarters in Ann Arbor of the sale of 1,823,534 seals. As they sell for one cent each this represents the sum of \$18,235.34, of which the American Red Cross received \$1,823.53, the State Association keeps \$4,577.16, and the remaining \$11,825.56 is used in the anti-tuberculosis work in the localities where seals were sold.

Lindsey-Doty.

Miss Florence Lindsey, daughter of William Lindsey, and for several years the very popular probate register of Shiawassee county, and Frank Doty of Pontiac, prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, and a former resident of Durand, were quietly married Wednesday noon at the home of the bride in Corunna, Rev. C. H. Hanks officiating in the presence of a few immediate relatives. A wedding dinner was served after which Mr. and Mrs. Doty left for Cleveland, Ohio, on a wedding trip and will be at home in Pontiac on their return.

Mrs. Doty was born in Corunna and graduated from the high school and later the Owosso Business college. She has served very acceptably as deputy county clerk and probate register.

Mr. Doty is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Doty of Pontiac, and made many friends here while practicing law at Durand.

Many friends in all parts of the county extend hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Death of Mrs. E. F. Dudley.

After a very brief sickness Mrs. E. F. Dudley passed away late Thursday afternoon at the family residence on Oliver street west. During the fall months she was seriously sick for some time with peritonitis and had only recently been able to get out a little but seemed to be gaining strength slowly and her recovery to health was anticipated. The last of the week she was taken with an attack of tonsillitis, followed the first of this week by a recurrence of the old trouble with the result stated.

The deceased was born in this city October 21, 1860, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Gould, who were among the early settlers of the city, and her entire life was spent here. She graduated from the local high school with the class of 1878, taught school in St. Charles and Owosso for several years and served as deputy county treasurer under Albert Todd. In November, 1893, she was married to E. F. Dudley, who with the son, Harry, of this city, and the daughter, Mrs. Anna Sibley of Pittsfield, Mass., her aged mother, Mrs. Mary L. Gould, and her brother Edwin A. Gould, survive her.

Mrs. Dudley was a woman of charming personality, who won and held the esteem of a very wide circle of friends by her many excellent qualities. She was prominent in the charitable work of the city and did her full part in organizing and carrying on the work of the Dorcas home. She was also active in the work of Christ Episcopal church and its several organizations, the Current Topic Club, the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, serving all in various capacities. It can be truly said that her life was well spent and that her going has brought sadness to many homes in the city. One of the saddest features is the grief of the aged mother who is in very feeble health.

Funeral services will be held from the Dudley Apartment at 2 p. m. Saturday, Rev. W. H. Jordon officiating.

Democratic County Convention.

With a fairly good attendance the Democrats of the county assembled in the Majestic theater in this city Wednesday afternoon to elect delegates to the state convention to be held in Lansing, Tuesday next. L. B. Allison, chairman of the county committee, called J. H. Brandell of this city, to act as temporary chairman, and Charles Carland was chosen temporary secretary, both being made permanent officers. By a unanimous vote resolutions endorsing the administration of President Wilson and Gov. Ferris, pledging support to the state and county nominees in the approaching spring election and one referring to the late G. R. Lyon were adopted when reported by a committee consisting of H. K. White, W. A. Seegmiller and A. L. Denmore. The delegates elected are: M. J. Phillips, W. A. Seegmiller, L. B. Allison, Frank Despond, J. H. Brandell, J. N. Axford, A. L. Denmore, Owosso; Dr. C. R. Fair, F. H. Healey, Durand; C. D. Smith, Chas. Carland, F. H. Pettibone, Corunna; C. H. Frain, R. H. Bravender, Laingsburg; D. D. Curtis, Carland; James Lynch, Henderson; M. Harrington, Bancroft; Clare Rann, Perry; Wm. Goodwill, Caledonia.

Republican Convention.

Despite the severe weather of Friday and the fact that the funeral of the late G. R. Lyon was held at the same hour, there was a large attendance at the Republican county convention at Corunna. J. H. Collins called the convention to order and made a short but enthusiastic address on the prospects of the party.

F. J. Northway of Durand, was called to the chair and A. W. Burnett of Corunna, acted as secretary. The only business was the election of delegates to the state convention and the following were chosen: J. H. Collins, S. Q. Polyer, G. F. Friegel, N. R. Walsh, A. L. Nichols, L. F. Miner, V. R. Pond, A. M. Hume, C. E. Rigley Jr., R. D. Matthews, Geo. M. Dewey, L. G. Curry, of Owosso; A. E. Richards, Matthew Bush, Howard Slocum, W. J. Parker, Corunna; Chris Gansley, Durand; B. A. Fillingier, Rosh; John Northwood, New Lothrop; Geo. Cook, Bennington.

L. G. Cudney, the well-known highway commissioner of Caledonia township and a good road builder, has announced his candidacy for the nomination of county road commissioner on the Republican ticket and will make an active canvass for the place. Mr. Cudney has had five years experience in the work.

The six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lerner of Kerby, fell Tuesday and broke her right arm for second time in two weeks.

Ionia's Park-Playground.

The city of Ionia has done a very commendable act in acquiring the property south of the city and converting same into a park playground. These grounds have for years been used by the Ionia Fair association. A few years ago the fair association went broke and then the city showed the proper spirit by bonding herself, buying up the fair mortgages and turning the fair grounds into a park playground. Not only have the mortgages been satisfied but the city assumed all the other obligations outstanding against the association. Ionia now has a well-governed and well-kept park for the children, where they can go and play without a feeling of trespass—Greenville Independent.

Corunna Improvement Association.

At a meeting of members of the Corunna Improvement Association at the city hall Friday evening, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: President, George Clark; vice president, W. J. Parker; treasurer, E. T. Sidney. Everett Campbell was elected secretary to succeed Dr. I. W. Norris. A committee of three, consisting of John Welch, Fred Kay and Elvin Mills, was appointed to make arrangements for a banquet which will be held at the Grand Central hotel Tuesday evening, Feb. 16.

Since the M. U. T. company has failed to provide a waiting room in Corunna, although provision for one is made in the franchise, a committee was appointed to confer with the officials of that company in regard to the matter. It consists of Mayor W. J. Simeon, L. N. Sheardy, W. J. Parker, W. A. McMullen and Harry Bell.

ANTI-CIGARETTE ORDINANCE

Meets With Approval of Improvement Association—Other Organizations Will Act.

By a unanimous vote the members of the Improvement Association went on record Tuesday as in favor of the passage by the City Commission of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes or the smoking of cigarettes by minors on the streets or in public places in the city, making both punishable by a fine or imprisonment, along the line of the Lansing ordinance published in our last issue. Several other organizations in the city will also endorse the move and request the Commission to pass an ordinance at an early date. There is now pending in the legislature a bill to this same end but as it cannot become a law for several months, if it passes, it seems best to take action without delay. The city ordinance would make it the duty of the local police officers to enforce its provisions and this fact alone who have a deterrent effect on the small boys who are now becoming addicted to the use of cigarettes.

In this connection it is not amiss to call attention to a letter from Thos. A. Edison, the world noted electrical genius, to Henry Ford of Detroit. Mr. Edison says:

"The injurious agent in cigarettes comes principally from the burning paper wrapper. The substance thereby formed is called 'acrolein.' It has a violent action on the nerve centers, producing degeneration of the cells of the brain, which is quite rapid among boys. Unlike most narcotics this degeneration is permanent and uncontrollable. I employ no person who smokes cigarettes."

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Large Attendance and Much Interest Being Shown.

The annual two-day Shiawassee County Farmers' Institute was begun Thursday morning at the Congregational church in this city. President Winegar of Morrice, gave a short talk in opening the meeting, urging full attendance and a general discussion. C. W. Melick of Rochester, then took charge as conductor, and made an interesting address on the subject of "Keeping up a balance in the Soil," the discussion following being of much interest and benefit. R. D. Bailey of Gaylord, spoke at the first session on "Soil Fertility," and in the afternoon on "Points in Corn Culture," giving valuable advice.

In the afternoon the attendance was larger and the program varied. Mr. Melick discussed "Alfalfa vs. Clover in Michigan." He believes Alfalfa will be one of the leading crops.

Miss Janet Gemmell rendered a piano solo, responding to an encore. W. A. Seegmiller and L. B. Allison announced the county fair and urged co-operation by the farmers.

A large number of people from the city as well as a big attendance from the county, heard President J. L. Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural College Thursday evening.

INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

Shiawassee County Teachers Profit By Two Days of Inspiration From Prominent Educators.

The midwinter Shiawassee county teachers' inspiration institute opened at the Baptist church Monday with nearly 300 instructors and patrons of the county schools in attendance. Prof. Walter H. French, of E. Lansing, head of the department of agricultural education of the Michigan agricultural college was conductor of the institute and was assisted by E. B. Bryan of Hamilton, N. Y., president of Colgate University and Fred L. Keeler, Superintendent of Public Instruction. The first session was opened by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Abide With Me," and devotional by Rev. J. S. York, the singing being led by Otto Voelker of the Owosso high school.

Dr. Bryan took for the subject of his address Monday morning "Youth." He said in part:

"All things exist directly or indirectly for the benefit of human life. The very hope of life is founded in the period of youth. The most poverty stricken being in the world is the newly born babe which, with out the assistance of organized agencies, would lie on its back until death without developing. Four or five years elapse before it begins its training. Then full of hope and aspirations, it belongs to the highest type God has made and it is headed toward the greatest conceivable destiny: 'Youth is meaningful because it is the period in which the most important work of life is done. It is in this period that three questions are answered. What shall I do? Whom shall I serve and with whom shall I mate?'"

"All other questions of life are but corollaries of these questions." He then pointed out that until the questions were answered, man did not pass the period of youth and he told how he, at an early age, was inclined to follow the work of a peanut vender but later, after engaging in several pursuits, he accepted an appointment from President William McKinley as the organizer of a normal school in the Philippine Islands. He said it was at that time that he really answered the question of what he should do.

Addressing the younger people of his audience he said "Don't allow anyone to stampee you into a decision." He advised the parents not to force a child into a decision, but urged them to assist the child with counsel and advice. He asserted that it was important to remain in schools and colleges as long as possible but cited an instance when one young man "received his diploma and then went out and secured an education."

He discussed briefly the question, "With whom shall I mate?" and he pointed out the importance of how that question was answered. "I have seen a multitude of persons go straight to hell because the choice of their mates was not wisely made," he said. He asserted youth was a period of high hope in which air castles were built. "There is nothing to do but to bury a man, when his dreams are dead."

Prof. French's address was given over to instruction of the teachers in the manner of teaching reading. He asserted that the mechanical and fundamental part of reading should be completed by the pupils at the end of the fourth school year. After that he advised eliminating the daily reading lesson but suggested devoting to its stead an entire day each week to reading a complete story or book. He expressed his approval of the teacher-parent movement in the cities. This movement was instituted in an effort to promote cordiality and co-operation between teachers and parents.

Monday afternoon Prof. W. H. French made the first address, followed by Superintendent F. L. Keeler. The greater part of Prof. French's address was devoted to the discussion of temperament. "Temperament," he said, "relates to the discipline of the school but the school is responsible for the right treatment of temperament." He divided the temperamental characteristics of men into four classes.

The first, he declared, was the nervous type, displayed by the children of slender form. "Punishment is not to be inflicted on such pupils," he said. "They will do their utmost to measure up to the teacher's standard. These are the pupils who often suffer nervous breakdowns in school."

The second type is the sanguine or impulsive child. His body is well formed. He is subject to moods but these moods are not evanescent.

"The millions children are those of the third type. These children generally possess well formed bodies and coarse hair, black or blue eyes. They have the

pugnacious air and physical vigor is apparent. These, like the sanguine type, are subject to moods and once offended, may never forgive. They have the stubborn characteristics of a mule but are born to be leaders of men."

"The fleshy children belong to the phlegmatic or sluggish type. They generally possess gray eyes and an even temperament. While these pupils are persistent they are apt to try the patience of the teachers beyond endurance. General U. S. Grant had some of the characteristics of the phlegmatic type and some of those of the bilious type."

At this time Prof. French spoke of the necessity of fighting men for the future. "Those of the phlegmatic type are those who make the foot ball team and are in the game to the last play. These pupils should be trained in the spirit."

"Various professional men should address the pupils occasionally on their professions but the child should never be directed to follow a certain vocation."

He then spoke of the temperaments suited to various professions.

"In the study of literature the teacher has no right to substitute her interpretation of a passage for that of her pupils," he said.

Another point made by the professor is that eighth grade graduating exercises have no place in the public schools. He asserted that it gave the pupils a sense of completed performance that led often to their leaving school on the threshold of the so-called higher education.

"The people who talk peace, who are for settling this present great war are all right. I have nothing to say concerning them but as instructors we are not to destroy the pugnacious, fighting spirit of our boys and girls as we must have generals to lead in the battles of the future."

Tuesday Dr. Thomas Nadal, president of Olivet college, took a place on the program, substituting for Prof. Bryan. He gave a lecture on "The Merchant of Venice," that was intensely interesting, and was received with heartiest applause. Dr. Nadal gave briefly the four stories current in the days of Shakespeare, and recited the manner in which that dramatist wove them together in one with the skill that made it a masterpiece. The leading characters were presented in a manner that made them seem more real than ever before, and the lecture was exceedingly instructive and entertaining. Dr. Nadal is considered one of the best instructors in English in the entire country and his presence at this institute was much appreciated by all who were in attendance.

MADE IN OWOSSO

Goods Will be Shown at Municipal Fair in March—Annual Banquet at Same Time

A meeting of the entertainment committee of the Improvement association was held at Connor's cafe Wednesday noon when the matter of holding the banquet at the association and a municipal fair in which Owosso made products will be displayed were considered. Four days will be devoted to the municipal exposition.

The county fair and harvest festival have been held and the exposition of home made products is the next thing desired by the association. The exposition will be of great interest to the people of the city and county who have little conception of the extent of the industries of the city.

The exposition will be held about the middle of March and the banquet will probably be held on the evening of one of the days of the exposition. Well known speakers will be secured. A special exposition and banquet committee consisting of the following, have been appointed to assist the entertainment committee:

W. R. Goodrich, A. E. Foster, Chas. Lawrence, H. D. Lyon, M. W. Southard, Ben Converse, Paul Seiss, W. B. Camburn, W. E. Hall, Rollo Chase, Jay Terbusch, Joe Lebowaki, Frank Brown, Herbert Hawcroft, James Ketcham, J. N. Zimmerman, C. E. Rigley, Fred Woodard, Calvin Bentley, Ben Robbins and J. E. Ellis.

An Epidemic of Tonsillitis.

Since Thursday of last week the city has had an epidemic of tonsillitis, some of the cases being quite severe and in a few cases diphtheria was at first feared. The physicians have had an unusually busy week and now report most of the patients as well on the way to recovery. Nearly all the ladies present at one of the social gatherings have been among the sufferers but it has been impossible to determine the cause.

Abraham Lincoln.

Born in Kentucky, February 12, 1809.
Elected to Illinois Legislature, 1834.
Admitted to Illinois Bar, 1836.
Member of Congress, 1847.
Joint Debates with Douglass, 1858.
President of United States, 1860.
Emancipation Proclamation, September 13, 1862.
Re-elected President, 1864.
Assassinated April 15, 1865.
ADDRESS AT THE DEDICATION OF GETTYSBURG CEMETERY NOVEMBER 19, 1863.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow, this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that the government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Spring Shooting of Migratory Birds Absolutely Prohibited.

From the Weekly News Letter of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

From the number of letters which they have received on the subject recently, officials of the department believe that sportsmen may unintentionally violate the provisions of the Federal migratory bird law, which it is the purpose of the Government to enforce rigidly. Under the provisions of this law no waterfowl can be shot in the northern or breeding zone after January 15, except in New Jersey, where the season extends to February 1. In most of the southern or wintering zone the season closes February 1, but extends to February 15 in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. These regulations were proclaimed on October 1, 1914. No change has since been made in them and no change is likely to be made until the constitutionality of the law has been passed on by the United States Supreme Court. As a matter of fact, the law provides that all changes in the regulations must be considered for a period of 90 days, and then must be approved and signed by the President before they become effective. It is thus evident that there is no possibility that the prohibition of spring shooting will be in any way modified this year.

The officials of the department who are intrusted with the enforcement of the law are anxious that these facts be impressed upon the people because it is the intention to investigate carefully all reports of violations made to the department inspectors and wardens and to prosecute all such violations in the Federal courts. In this connection it is pointed out that prosecutions may be instituted here at any time within three years of the offense.

Legislative Committee.

President G. E. Pardee of the County Sportsmen's Association has appointed the following legislative committee to confer with the committees of the state legislature having the game laws in charge: Van R. Pond, C. D. Bell, Dr. Geo. L. Cramer, C. L. Patee, W. F. Gallagher, O. L. Sprague, C. E. Rigley Jr., W. J. Simeon, Alton Rundell.